

## CITY OF VANCOUVER

Special Council - January 9th, 1975

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held in No.1 Committee Room, third floor, City Hall, on Thursday, January 9th, 1975, at approximately 3:30 p.m. to discuss planning matters generally.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cowie  
Aldermen Bird, Bowers, Boyce, Harcourt,  
Kennedy, Marzari, Rankin, Sweeney,  
Volrich

ABSENT: Mayor Phillips

CLERK TO THE  
COUNCIL: M. Cross

MOVED by Ald. Bowers  
SECONDED by Ald. Marzari

THAT this Council do resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Deputy Mayor Cowie in the Chair, to consider planning matters generally.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alderman Bowers advised that on December 17th, 1974, Council deferred a report reference from the Director of Planning on area planning priorities and staffing to a Special Meeting of Council to discuss planning matters generally.

An information package on the Planning Department containing a diagram outlining primary supervisory responsibilities, an organization chart and information on each Division was distributed at the meeting. A copy of this information is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. R. J. Spaxman, Director of Planning, introduced the members of the Department who would be assisting in the presentation. With the aid of charts and illustrations, Mr. Spaxman outlined the Department's primary responsibilities.

A diagram of a budget "pie" indicated the Department's budget of approximately \$1,800,000 was allocated 47% to services and zoning, 23% to central area planning, 13% to overall planning and 17% to area planning.

Mr. T. Jenkinson, the newly-appointed Associate Director, Overall Planning, expressed appreciation for the opportunity of meeting the members of Council and introduced Mrs. P. Johnson, Research Planner, to outline the work of the Overall Planning Division.

Mrs. Johnson stated the objectives of the Division, consisting of two Sections i.e. Policy and Research, are

- to provide information and research services to City departments, outside agencies and the public
- to identify information and data needs and undertake studies to produce required information
- to expand and improve data base for research and policy formulation
- to work with other Departments towards creation of City information system

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- to develop overall City policies as a basis for development strategy
- to develop a monitoring system to evaluate City and other programmes and policies.

Mr. R. Youngberg, Associate Director, Area Planning, introduced the members of his staff working on local area planning projects. There are two sections in the Division:

- Area Planning, who administer local area planning programmes and implement local area plans by utilizing Neighbourhood Improvement and Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Programmes
- In House, who are involved in monitoring activities in communities and are engaged in special projects. In House personnel are receiving experience to enable them to go into Area Planning.

In 1976, Area Planners in Kitsilano and Cedar Cottage may be free to be reassigned to other local area planning programmes.

Mr. D. Hickley, Assistant Director, Civic Development, described the six components of the Central Area Division i.e. Central Waterfront, the West End, Downtown, Downtown East, False Creek and Central Broadway. He introduced his staff who will be responsible for providing effective co-ordination of the development aspects which would affect the various areas. The Division will be responsible for developing zoning policies for Downtown, West End, Central Waterfront and Central Broadway and for development control procedures for major projects in the Central Area.

Mr. H. W. Pickstone, Deputy Director of Planning, introduced the members of the Zoning and Services Division. The Division consists of three sections:

- Special Services, who are responsible for beautification projects, identification and means for preservation of heritage buildings, assistance to Urban Design Panel, co-ordination of N.I.P. and special projects.
- Zoning and Subdivision Control, who are responsible for processing Development Permits, amending the Zoning and Development By-law, providing assistance to the Board of Variance, and processing subdivision, strata-title and air space title applications.
- Staff Services consisting of the Clerical/Stenographic group who are responsible for the administration of the Department and the stenographic and typing services, and the Graphics Group who provide the maps, diagrams etc. for the Department and produce through the Printing Division, the bound Department reports.

Mr. Spaxman concluded the presentation requesting Council's early direction for Area Planning Priorities, Neighbourhood Improvement Programmes and the Central Area Programme.

A discussion followed as to the Department's objectives for 1975 and the staff required to meet the objectives. Members of Council agreed that the presentation was well prepared and very informative.

MOVED by Ald. Volrich

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED by Ald. Volrich  
SECONDED by Ald. Marzari

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted and the Director of Planning and his staff be commended for the presentation.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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The foregoing are Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January 9, 1975, adopted on January 21, 1975.

A. Phillips  
MAYOR

R. J. Little  
CITY CLERK